

Remarks:

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1-51 remained pending in the application. The Examiner has, however, indicated restriction of the application to either claims 1-36 and 48-51 (Invention I), claims 37-44 (Invention II), or claims 45-47 (Invention III) for examination purposes.

The Examiner asserts that restriction of Invention II is proper in that Invention II is a distinct invention from Invention I in that Invention II "has separate utility" from Invention I. The Examiner also asserts that Inventions I and II "have acquired a separate status in the art". The Examiner thus implicitly concedes that biological detection devices that detect biological materials other than urine are not analogous art. In view of this indication, applicant has withdrawn claims 37-44 (Invention II), without traverse.

The Examiner asserts that Inventions III and I are related as process of making and product made, and indicates that the claimed process could be used to make a materially different product. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the claimed process could be used to make "a medical waste collection suction canister having a fluid level sensor." The Examiner provides no support for this assertion. Applicant respectfully disagrees, noting that the proposed alternative product has no relation to the claims. In particular, applicant notes that claim 45 recites "a method of forming at least a portion of a urine detection network that includes a plurality of detectors, each having a characteristic that changes responsive to exposure to urine, and wherein the urine

detection network has a net characteristic derived from the individual characteristics of the plurality of detectors, the method comprising: providing a sheet material including a binder layer and a conducting layer; scoring at least the conducting layer to form a conductive pattern that includes adjacent traces separated by a gap distance; and stamping the conductive pattern with a shaper so as to deform the binder layer and the conducting layer to increase the gap distance separating adjacent traces of the conductive pattern" (emphasis added). Applicant thus has withdrawn claims 45-47 (Invention III), with traverse.

Applicant has elected Invention I (claims 1-36 and 48-51), without traverse as to withdrawal of Invention II (claims 37-44), but with traverse as to withdrawal of Invention III (claims 45-47). Examination of all pending claims (1-36 and 48-51) thus is respectfully requested. Applicant also requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement as to claims 45-47, and examination of such claims should the restriction requirement be withdrawn

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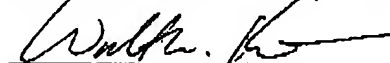
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Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

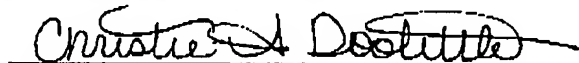
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